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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Preliminary Census Field Count

Whole State at 30th June, 1954 -

Males - 330,267

Females - 309,361

Persons - 639,628

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1954 -

Persons - 348,500

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Marriages - Number	414	422	4,259	4,136
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.56	7.92	8.00	8.00
Births - Number	1,424	1,410	13,158	13,257
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.99	26.48	24.72	25.65
Deaths - Number	437	443	4,458	4,264
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.98	8.32	8.38	8.25
Infant - Number	33	35	299	330
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.17	24.82	24.59	24.89
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	4	6	49	44
Malignant neoplasms	59	66	638	615
Diabetes mellitus	6	2	43	32
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	16	13
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	66	44	522	467
Diseases of the heart	132	133	1,409	1,320
Hypertension with heart disease	16	9	126	136
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	7	74	70
Arteriosclerosis	8	21	120	143
Influenza	3	10	26	21
Pneumonia	9	13	137	175
Bronchitis	3	4	35	41
Other respiratory disease	5	5	49	37
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	41	35
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	-	21	16
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	6	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	-	4	13	24
Nephritis and nephrosis	9	9	70	68
Diseases of the prostate	4	5	46	40
Maternal causes	2	-	10	6
Disease of early infancy	23	21	192	197
Motor Vehicle accidents	19	17	142	157
Other Accidents	10	18	169	166
Suicide	4	10	58	49
All other causes	44	35	446	387
Total:	437	443	4,458	4,264

* Equivalent Annual Rate

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November 1954, totalled 993,479 acres, a decrease of 609,489 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,756,613 acres, an increase of 3,371,013.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,753,883	3,112,456	17,658,293	15,835,224
Revenue per Head of Population	5-16-1	4-19-0	27-9-3	25-6-6
Expenditure	3,632,207	3,483,290	18,271,898	17,463,059
Expenditure per Head of Population	5-12-4	5-10-9	28-8-4	27-18-6

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 30th November, 1954, amounted to £53,272,106 or £82.6.9 per head of population as against £51,348,719 or £81.10.1 per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 24th November, 1954, amounted to £12,803,582 compared with £13,082,361 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Transfers	No.	2,067	1,901	10,656	9,993
	£.	3,069,696	2,377,680	15,777,633	13,088,983
Mortgages	No.	1,392	1,663	8,041	8,625
	£.	2,525,441	2,605,150	14,281,428	13,635,710
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	982	1,014	5,308	5,530

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
November, 1954	3,975,745	2,362,089	9,247,689	482,166
November, 1953	3,529,889	2,445,223	7,963,642	479,584
Five months ended NOVEMBER, 1954	18,159,994	10,327,452	44,968,078	2,369,767
Five months ended NOVEMBER, 1953	16,268,781	10,331,671	38,728,306	2,352,911

COMPANIES REGISTERED

113 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £20,102,500 and 44 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1954. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 73 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,337,503 and 25 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Five months ended NOVEMBER.					
	1954			1953		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	25	£. 50,295	£. 21,292	17	£. 57,812	£. 42,384
Deeds of Assignment (a)	12	60,231	75,089	11	41,685	54,801
Deeds of Arrangement	1	1,223	274	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,055,000	979,300	4,058,600	3,293,900
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,134,644	1,221,241	4,615,846	4,523,749
Train Miles Run No.	646,104	606,967	2,516,570	2,337,259
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 133,230	(b) 163,958	(c) 514,153	(c) 630,434
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	774,665	687,484	3,119,151	2,861,356
Motor Bus No.	31,732	50,598	121,995	206,791
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	244,515	218,586	1,009,232	928,181
Livestock	16,858	15,489	48,244	46,654
Departmental (Free Freight)	72,561	65,804	298,060	256,062
<u>Total:</u>	333,934	299,879	1,355,536	1,230,897
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	41,180,017	36,703,044	170,308,569	158,584,897
Livestock	2,351,460	2,147,035	6,712,239	6,380,078
Departmental (Free Freight)	10,423,653	9,349,330	40,230,036	37,558,355
<u>Total:</u>	53,960,130	48,199,409	217,250,846	202,523,330

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 16th October.

(c) Period ended 16th October.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
1954 -								
January	384	126	11	68	669	337	13	108
February	409	191	5	66	724	461	8	102
March	405	176	3	70	724	476	4	113
April	516	166	7	77	907	453	9	129
May	538	190	-	47	951	500	4	91
June	594	227	-	42	1,086	528	4	89
July	638	253	-	40	1,169	584	3	90
August	628	248	-	61	1,117	576	3	106
September	564	250	3	54	1,063	512	9	93
October	672	196	1	77	1,132	493	5	116

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
January	44,889	19,556	577	9,798	73,329	54,141	1,022	14,345
February	45,135	19,687	583	9,787	74,505	55,735	1,086	14,727
March	45,339	19,726	585	9,757	75,443	56,628	1,093	14,963
April	45,790	19,862	591	9,767	76,142	56,760	1,099	14,892
May	46,097	19,929	591	9,685	77,335	57,764	1,106	15,041
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
July	49,202	20,959	592	9,744	78,996	57,168	1,121	14,298
August	49,904	21,159	592	9,733	80,187	57,596	1,124	14,332
September	50,456	21,274	593	9,710	81,238	57,973	1,131	14,348
October	51,017	21,432	594	9,737	81,910	57,915	1,124	14,336

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for October, 1954:-
95 Cars: 781 Wagons, Vans, etc. 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, October 1954 and 1953, and four months ended October, 1954 and 1953, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,688	2,893	16,594	13,042	8,292	10,399	19,794	23,647
	9,551	7,958	34,392	28,048	1,077	2,584	5,201	9,242
Total:	13,239	10,851	50,986	41,090	9,369	12,983	24,995	32,889.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner - Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954 -										
March Qr.	715	1,827	944	2,491	22	313	163	990	1,844	5,621
June Qr.	828	2,224	1,195	3,123	22	192	187	1,043	2,232	6,582
September Qr.	771	2,071	1,292	3,431	34	837	261	1,612	2,358	7,951

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954 -										
March Qr.	568	1,895	82	215	970	2,115	1	1	1,621	4,226
June Qr.	731	2,463	44	107	1,199	2,631	1	1	1,975	5,202
September Qr.	726	2,485	48	109	1,195	2,733	1	1	1,970	5,328

GOLD PRODUCTION

	NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Quantity	63,627	64,945	783,192	752,862
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	994,174	1,006,099	12,197,469	11,663,062

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1954, amounted to £1,262,269. Dividends for the corresponding period of 1953 were £912,852.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended SEPTEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Metropolitan Area	2,848	2,690	2,767	2,554	2,512	2,328	2,412	2,273
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2,936	2,759	2,866	2,706	2,435	2,369	2,409	2,349
Northam	2,865	2,672	2,772	2,590	2,441	2,336	2,383	2,295
Bunbury	2,881	2,689	2,805	2,585	2,498	2,338	2,405	2,292
Geraldton	2,923	2,734	2,840	2,648	2,648	2,433	2,530	2,399
Collie	2,906	2,728	2,835	2,614	2,322	2,233	2,280	2,187

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1953			1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,573	39,805	167,378	133,021	41,620	174,641
February	128,682	40,835	169,517	133,165	42,375	175,540
March	129,232	41,012	170,244	133,924	42,595	176,519
April	129,666	41,211	170,877	133,517	42,811	176,328
May	129,673	41,189	170,862	134,347	42,768	177,115
June	130,185	41,029	171,214	134,969	42,685	177,654
July	130,540	41,132	171,672	134,232	42,947	177,179
August	130,351	41,296	171,647	134,960	42,933	177,893
September	130,899	41,443	172,342	134,947	43,186	178,133
October	131,392	41,824	173,216	135,008	43,559	178,567
November	131,948	42,192	174,140			
December	132,572	42,634	175,206			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	194	208	214	213	223
February	197	212	216	217	223
March	200	215	216	220	225
April	200	215	215	221	224
May	203	216	214	222	224
June	202	215	211	220	226
July	204	218	211	220	225
August	204	217	212	220	225
September	204	216	211	220	224
October	206	217	212	221	226
November	207	217	213	222	
December	207	215	213	223	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27/7/53	12.	6.	6	8.	0.	3	12.	6.	0
							7.	19.	11
							12.	9.	4
							8.	2.	1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	36,664	30,672	185,668	161,438
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	33,119	27,538	166,451	144,435

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
November, 1954	7,591	439	153,960	19,682
November, 1953	6,078	453	142,986	11,023
5 Months ended November, 1954	57,394	2,318	596,538	73,613
5 Months ended November, 1953	51,648	2,675	547,902	45,003

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
<u>Year 1954</u>										
January	312	139	168	62	480	201	5	6	231	100
February	303	120	175	63	478	183	10	8	222	99
March	333	106	206	97	539	203	4	9	263	132
April	386	157	226	79	612	236	6	6	265	117
May	461	156	216	68	677	224	11	5	272	94
June	433	140	220	65	653	205	13	3	265	91
July	499	167	220	90	719	257	9	7	287	137
August	438	195	206	66	644	261	10	9	251	101
September	400	147	202	54	602	201	6	3	242	76
October	494	156	203	84	697	240	13	16	233	116
Total 10 Months Ended October, 1954	4,059	1,483	2,042	728	6,101	2,211	87	72	2,531	1,063

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	NOVEMBER		5 Months Ended NOVEMBER	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath-Heaters - solid fuel	no.	389	527	3,710	3,794
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	1,513	726	6,073	3,429
- Clay	'000	9,625	7,165	45,184	37,006
Cement, Portland	ton	15,100	8,220	63,950	51,015
Enamels	gal.	4,106	5,356	17,084	21,707
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	231	203	1,075	993
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	20,507	16,262	93,333	63,956
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	1,053	722	4,969	4,310
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)19,589	(a)19,316	(b)78,224	(b)77,461
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	933	662	4,102	3,794
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	2,379	2,441	12,656	11,589
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	6,042	4,766	26,710	23,337
Sports Coats Men's	no.	1,189	950	4,497	4,484
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	398	592	2,262	3,009
- 2 piece	no.	2,119	2,330	11,659	11,417
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,253	4,937	24,876	25,591
- Work (Cotton & Wool)	no.	12,190	12,582	73,317	55,210
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	35,647	41,951	188,659	230,004
Sandals	pair	28,456	20,034	93,063	83,401
Slippers	pair	31,519	56,249	210,040	295,728
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	829	789	3,294	3,212
Butter	'000 lb.	2,315	2,125	10,472	8,891
Cheese	'000 lb.	312	453	1,762	1,725
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	398	380	1,786	1,476
Jams	'000 lb.	41	33	284	367
Margarine	'000 lb.	106	104	513	480
Oatmeal	cwt.	3,274	7,074	15,580	37,930
Sauce - Tomato	pint	67,098	71,057	284,433	268,251
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	145	138	598	612
- Nitric	cwt.	20	20	76	74
- Sulphuric	ton	12,440	9,233	52,359	61,125
Cycles, Pedal	no.	975	741	3,511	3,356
Gas Produced	million cu.ft.	121	118	645	628
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,996	1,597	9,631	7,950
- Woven Wire	no.	2,094	3,282	14,130	13,004
- Soft Filled	no.	3,605	3,869	17,600	18,438
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
- Truck Trays	no.	115	115	484	459
- Utilities (all types)	no.	32	17	164	114
- Trailers (all types)	no.	26	9	85	54
Perambulators	no.	67	101	338	472

(a) October Figures. November not available.

(b) Four months ended October.

